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AUCHETTL MOVIE FOOTAGE

BY J.W. AUCHETTL.

"What we see, the camera also sees" is indeed a lesson to be learned, and my first lesson came to me on a quite lazy Sunday afternoon on the 3RD DECEMBER, 1978. This account was produced with the aid of notes and letters, made at the time of the sighting and subsequent research into the UFO.

I would like to thank PAUL NORMAN for his effort and time in getting this film to the appropriate research organizations. Also to GROUND SAUCER WATCH and WILLIAM SPAULDING for the valuable work on this film, even though the material was not of good quality.

THE SIGHTING

I was working inside our Dandencng North home on the 3rd December '78 when for some reason (now unknown) I had to go outside to our tool shed. I must have been there for 5 minutes or more, at that time I decided to go back inside. (See map). It is a short 30 feet from the shed to the back door, and therefore there is little to distract you on your walk back, as this area is surrounded in trees and other homes. There was little wind in my area, the sky was blue at the time, but through the day we had intervals of cloud. Living on a hill makes it very hard to judge from what direction the wind is coming as it seems to shift quite easily in a short time, dependent on its velocity and turbulence.

At the top of our short three steps, I decided (for some reason) to look around behind me and up into the sky, for what motives I still cannot answer even today.

At an angle of 70 deg to the horizon and looking in the direction of the south east (Fig. 5; Fig. 6) I saw an object very clearly, at a size (to me) somewhere between a pin head and 2 mm, flashing like a light house. A check of the clock showed the time to be 3.05 pm Eastern Australian time.

What I saw then and still claim to have seen to this day, was a single solid object long in shape (to phrase a well used UFO term "Cigar Looking"). It was very high (greater than 10,000 feet) and seemed to be well defined dimension wise and easy to see with the naked eye. At this stage it was not moving, but was flashing, and at that time I put this down to a tumbling motion (Fig. 1; Fig. 6) - end over end. Shape and brightness stayed at a constant rate. It was definitely brighter than the clear blue background sky. The impression of its brightness would range from car headlights to sun reflection. At no stage was any other sound other than the normal noticed in the area.

REACTION

I must have had a minute and a half outside as I watched the object. In that period it started to visually move in an east to south direction. As it was now on the move I realised I'd better get something down on film before it was all over. About 3:06:30 I realised it was of a UFO nature. Excited by this, I rushed inside to get my Super 8 Movie Camera. It was about 45 seconds to put my hands on the movie camera, check the light meter and drive battery, set up the required levels of readings, get back outside and locate the object in the sky.

I had only used the camera 7 days before and knew I had 5 feet or so left on the new 50 feet (3 minute) film. The indicator on the side of the camera revealed this. To back this up there is an indicator inside the view finder that flickers when there is film running through the camera and stops flickering when this reel stops. This is a very visual and easy system to read and see. As it turned out I had 54 inches left (4 ft. 6 in.) or 19 seconds of a 180 second film, this is equal to about 10%.

(FIG.1.)

what I saw.



FLIGHT DISTANCE ON 2 MINUTE
DURATION A to B

$$100 \text{ MPH} = 3.4 \text{ MILES} / 300 \text{ MPH} = 10.0 \text{ MILES}$$

$$200 \text{ MPH} = 6.6 \text{ MILES} / 400 \text{ MPH} = 13.4 \text{ MILES}$$

* ALL MILES=NAUTICAL=6080 FT

.....DISTANCE TRAVELED►

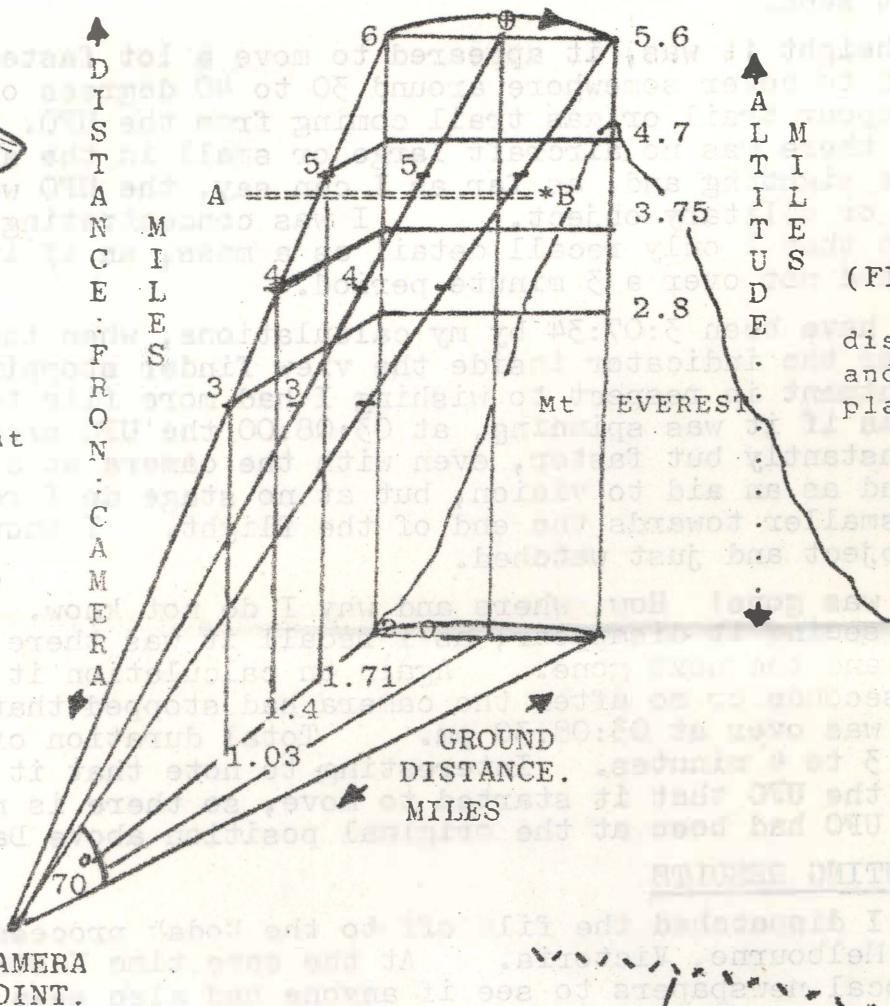
(FIG.2.)

on the film



(FIG.3.)

reflected sun light
taken off.



(FIG.4.)

distance and height
plan

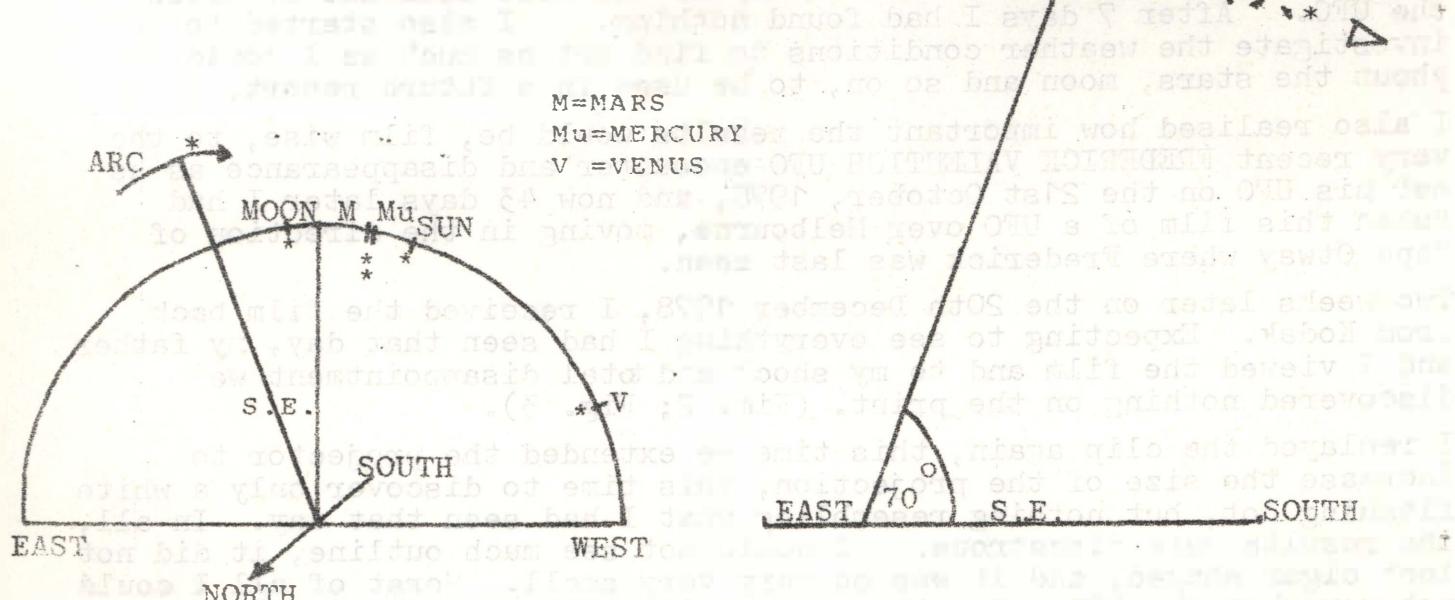


FIG.5.

where the planets where at 3pm

FIG.6.

spinning motion a clock on a

PHOTOGRAPHY

On calculation it must have been just after 3:07:15 pm when I commenced photographing the UFO, using the back step railing for stability, zoom lens on full (F7.5 mm to 60mm) 60mm 1:1.7 and the focus set to infinity. The sun shield was on, the light meter at full auto and I was running the film at 18 frames per second, - this is the slowest speed I can run the Japanese made Ricoh Super 8 800Z movie camera and use the film over a longer time range.

I was using Kodak Kodachrome 11 Type A film this is also processed by Kodak in Melbourne, Victoria. On recollection, detail of the object did not improve through the lens, even at the full zoom lens position. The object did seem smaller but still flashing as if it was pitching end over end. I noticed nothing different from what I had first seen.

For the height it was, it appeared to move a lot faster than a jet as it seemed to cover somewhere around 30 to 40 degrees of sky. There was no vapour trail or gas trail coming from the UFO. I can definitely say that there was no aircraft large or small in the area during or after the sighting and, as far as I can say, the UFO was no known civilian or military object. I was concentrating so much on the situation that I only recall detail as a mass, as if it all happened at once and not over a 3 minute period.

It would have been 3:07:34 by my calculations, when the film ran out. I remember the indicator inside the view finder stopping and my disappointment in respect to wishing I had more film to use. Still looking as if it was spinning, at 03:08:00 the UFO arced towards the south constantly but faster, even with the camera at a stop, I used it to the end as an aid to vision, but at no stage do I remember the UFO getting smaller towards the end of the flight. I thought very little of the object and just watched.

Then, it was gone! How, where and why I do not know. I do not even remember seeing it disappear; as I recall it was there one second in the lens and the next gone. Again on calculation it must have been only 60 seconds or so after the camera had stopped that the whole sighting was over at 03:08:30 pm. Total duration of the sighting was from 3 to 4 minutes. Interesting to note that it was after I had seen the UFO that it started to move, so there is no saying how long the UFO had been at the original position above Dandenong.

DISAPPOINTING RESULTS

Next day I dispatched the film off to the Kodak processing laboratory at North Melbourne, Victoria. At the same time I started a watch in the local newspapers to see if anyone had also seen and reported the UFO. After 7 days I had found nothing. I also started to investigate the weather conditions to find out as much as I could about the stars, moon and so on, to be used in a future report.

I also realised how important the results would be, film wise, to the very recent FREDERICK VALENTICH UFO encounter and disappearance as he met his UFO on the 21st October, 1978, and now 43 days later I had taken this film of a UFO over Melbourne, moving in the direction of Cape Otway where Frederick was last seen.

Two weeks later on the 20th December 1978, I received the film back from Kodak. Expecting to see everything I had seen that day, my father and I viewed the film and to my shock and total disappointment we discovered nothing on the print. (Fig. 2; Fig. 3).

I replayed the clip again, this time we extended the projector to increase the size of the projection, this time to discover only a white flashing dot, but nothing resembling what I had seen that day. In all, the results were disastrous. I could not see much outline, it did not look cigar shaped, and it was so very very small. Worst of all I could not remember the UFO being the size as indicated on the film. My conclusion was that it was not worth reporting and going into anymore, as my whole sighting was based upon this film and "What I saw in this case the camera for some reason did not see".

All was forgotten; film and notes went into safe keeping and for the time left to rest. In time I had the good fortune of attending a few V.U.F.O.R.S. Meetings and on the 27th March 1980, a year and 3 months later, the story re-opened.

I attended a V.U.F.O.R.S. meeting at the Royal Society's hall in Victoria Street, Melbourne city, to listen to a lecture by Mr. Quentin Fogarty on his New Zealand UFO film and encounter. The research work done on the film and Quentin Fogarty's lecture was outstanding. I soon realised that even with the poor quality movie I had in my possession, if the equipment that science has now was used on it, we may be able to get more information out of the prints. But who? Kodak, who could trust them.

At the same meeting, I told my story to the then secretary of the VUFORS, Mr. John Thompson, who asked me to submit a report for the Society's records. It was not long after this meeting, that I was asked to come to a committee meeting on the 17th April, 1980 and join the ranks, which I did, not long after.

STILL HOPE

Excited by the New Zealand studies and impressed by Paul Norman's work on the now very important "MANIFOLD PHOTOGRAPHS" where the film research was done by GROUND SAUCER WATCH (GSW) in the USA, I took the film to another meeting at the Royal Society hall on the 3rd July 1980 and showed it to the Society members. At the same time under Paul Norman's recommendation, I gave him the original film and the report to send or take to the USA. Paul insisted that a lot could be done but results may not be good. Yet I felt that every bit of information we could gather on the sighting may be an aid to an explanation.

On the 28th March 1981 Paul Norman departed for the USA with the film. By the 15th June 1981, Ground Saucer Watch had produced the first report on the film. Very soon I received the Copyright report from G.S.W. and the results were good. More research was done and on the 27th July 1981 the film was back in my possession, studied and reflecting a new dimension on what I had seen on that Sunday afternoon 2 years 7 months ago.

WHAT I FOUND

SUN It was well out of the way and behind the house at the point at which the movie was taken and to my back. Sun Rise on that day was at 5.53 am and Sun Set at 8.28 pm. (At 3 pm it was at about 72 deg from the west horizon).

MOON .. Was going to the first quarter and was due there on the 7th Dec. '78 at 10.35 am. Its moon rise was at 8.42 am; moon set was at 10.14 pm. (At 3 pm at about 84 deg from the east horizon).

AIRPORTS .. In the east there is a private light aircraft airport Berwick at 8 miles. In the west there is a light aircraft airport called Moorabbin at 6.5 miles. In the north-east there is a commercial jet airport 1. Melbourne International; 2. Essendon Airport at 25 miles. Primary traffic only. Radar all day.

AIRSPACE .. Within a 20 mile radius from the view point, Uncontrolled Airspace (or air space where a flight plan is not required) starts from 500 feet A.M.S.L. and ranges to a maximum 6000 feet A.M.S.L. After that height you are in Controlled Airspace and a flight plan is needed.

JET LANES Commercial jet aircraft can fly over the viewing area going or coming from Melbourne Airport or Tasmania. But because they can enter or depart Melbourne Airport at other places it is not common to see a jet in this area. They also must be at a level greater than 6000 ft A.M.S.L. Jet noise follows every aircraft that does pass over this area.

<u>PLANETS</u>	for the 3rd Dec. 1978			
PLANET	RISE	SET	POSITION ESTI AT 3PM	
MERCURY	6.16 am	8.50 pm	80deg from west horizon	
VENUS	4.14 am	5.43 pm	23 " " " "	
MARS	6.42 am	9.30 pm	81 " " " "	
JUPITER	12.15 am	10.25 am	SET IN WEST	
SATURN	1.59 am	1.14 pm	SET IN WEST	

WEATHER REPORT : "Isolated showers occurred on the Eastern high country. Otherwise weather over the state was fine. A weak cool change made temperatures west and central parts of the state lower than the figures on Saturday in most cases". "Winds remained generally North east to North over east of the state and west to south west over the western half".

TIME	mb PRESSURE	DRY TEMP C ..	WET TEMP C ..	REL HTY %
NOON	998.4	21.4	15.8	52
3 pm	998.6	20.8	16.2	60

FROM BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY, MELBOURNE for the 3rd Dec. 1978.

G.S.W. COMPUTER HAS A LOOK. THE REPORTS.

The letters in this part are Copyrighted to Ground Saucer Watch, Phoenix, Arizona. Our thanks go to William H. Spaulding and his unique team.

On the 15th June 1981, Mr. Spaulding finished the first report using the data available at that stage. As it turned out lens data not provided was critical in the hypothetical distance assessment. The required information was duly dispatched to GSW and new distance assessments were made.

What we have done here is to give to you the two relevant letters sent to me by GSW, regarding the information found on the movie film.

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June 15th, 1981.

Dear Mr. Auchettl,

As you probably know by now GSW has evaluated your movie strip and returned the film and results to Paul Norman. Some of the computerized photographs reveal some good data. We will take the new lens data and pursue with the evaluation.

In answer to your questions, 1) we feel that when you first noticed the 'object' it was obviously closer (lower in altitude) than when you began to film the image. It was noticeable because it was brilliant, i.e. the density of the image made it easy to observe in the sky. 2) The results on the movie strip are not spectacular; however the computerized data is worthwhile. 3) The "flickering" sensation on the original film is due to fading of the intensity of the image most likely due to its tumbling effect. 4) The results, therefore, the computerized output photos, are in Paul Norman's possession. You have our permission to make copies. I feel slides would really help you see the image with more detail.

We will continue to process your film, of which the 'best' frames are on our computer disc. With the new lens data and a new computer program, perhaps more evidence will become evident. We will report on this matter directly to you.

Respectfully,
GROUND SAUCER WATCH, INC.

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SIGHTINGS REPORT

INVESTIGATIONS PROCEEDING IN NORTH WESTERN VICTORIA

On 5th August 1981, VUFORS members were notified that UFOs were being reported in the Mildura area. With the assistance of police radio, C.Bs and walkie talkies an effort was made to spot the objects. Unfortunately, no UFO could be sighted. However, the investigations uncovered some outstanding sightings including a report from an R.A.A.F. pilot who observed 4 UFOs flying in formation over the Mildura area during the last week of May. They were too fast to be jets.

Another report came from witnesses who saw a daylight disc circle over Mildura then shoot straight up at fantastic speed.

VUFORS members residing in the area are making follow-up investigations on these and other reports which have come to light during the past two months.

The Werrimull Sighting

by Senior Constable Roy Fletcher.

Re Sighting (1) this area -

About 8.30 pm Mr. Garry Taylor, Werrimull phoned me to say that he had been listening to 5RM radio station when they stated if anyone wanted to see a UFO jumping around in the sky they should look towards Mildura from Renmark. My daughter Gaye and her boyfriend were visiting me at the time and whilst they went out the front of the residence I immediately climbed on the roof.

To the north I first saw a light flash on, bright like a flashlight, it was at about 35 degrees above the skyline. It went off and another flashed on right down near the ground, but behind the first; it went off then another flash and it appeared to be higher to me. It appeared as though there could have been four altogether. Either that or it was jumping all over the place except that its general path was eastwards.

I ran inside and endeavoured to phone people at Cullulleraine for them to pin-point it but couldn't raise the two I called, they were engaged... I then phoned Mrs. Y. O'Day, Merrinee Nth on the highway at the 25 mile post and requested her to have a look. She phoned back later to say it went across her front paddock, heading south east.

In the meantime I found that the lights were due east from here towards Red Cliffs, I then lost sight of them.

On Wed. 22.7.81 my son & his wife were leaving Meringur Sth from Mr. Jack Gray's; also in the car were J.Gray, M.Gray, B.Gray. (Son & wife: B.Fletcher, H. Fletcher). They stated they left their farm in the one car about 8.15 pm travelling up the Meringur North Road on their way to Mildura.

Half way up the road to Meringur they saw a light flash on to their west (like a flashlight). It appeared to be coming at a fast rate; it appeared to slow down nearly to a stop when over them. They became concerned. My son states he had his camera with him and jumped out and took 3 shots but in the dark he doesn't know what setting he had and is not hopeful of the photos.

I have talked to him and Brian Gray today about it and they both said it was that low they reckon it was a long shape and in the dying flash of the light you could almost envisage a cabin. They seem convinced of what they saw.

They then drove via the Meringur Road to the Sturt Highway and continued to Mildura. About the 35 mile post they stated the light was again seen away to their right.

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Fox, Barry. Yarrara Road, Yarrara.

Advised me on Saturday, 18th July, that on Wednesday 15th July he and his wife left Cullulleraine to drive along the Sturt Highway to return to their home about 7.45 pm when they saw a bright flashing light which was high in the sky and which appeared to be over Yarrara-Meringur area; (white-greenish-red); all of a sudden it went downwards and disappeared.

P.S. Mr. Jack Gray also advises that he and Brian were checking out some fires on their property about 8.30 pm on Monday 27th July when they saw a similar light to one which they had seen on the previous Wednesday; it was in the direction of Meringur.

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ON THE U.F.O. TRAIL

by Paul Norman.

April 1st, 1981 was the beginning of a busy schedule on the North American UFO Trail, with the Bass Strait Flap of 1978 taking top priority. Interest in the Frederic Valentich Incident (the case that will not die) was not only still keen, but had reached the higher levels of the scientific community!

The mini "Condon Reports" had apparently fizzled out, judging from the number of telephone calls and requests for talks and meetings on that outstanding encounter.

On April 13th Mark Sawyers, VUFORS Secretary, landed in San Francisco and brought tidings of renewed interest in the Bass Strait UFO activity. The A.B.C. had just met with the VUFORS committee to film a program on the government T.V. network.

On the 7th May Radio Station 5A.D. in Adelaide telephoned us in California for an interview on that intriguing disappearance. One outstanding question appeared to be bothering the program director - "Why did radar fail to pick up the Cessna"? He was informed that our investigations had uncovered witnesses who had not only heard but had seen a blue and white cessna making its turn near the Cape Otway light-house and heading towards King Island.

The answer to that most important question is being sounded both far and near. The reason - POOR RADAR or some other condition. Under the weight of evidence, even the Department of Transport has publically stated that there is no reason to doubt Valentich was where he said he was at that time.

Time did not permit opportunity to elaborate on case after case in which officials have been mis-stating the facts on radar detection concerning UFOs. For instance, nearly 10 years after the famed Betty/Barney Hill encounter, the U.S. Air Force finally admitted that a UFO landing in that area was detected on radar.

The night of 9th April produced another interesting incident. The location was in Concord, California, where I was located at the time. The incident was reported to me from headquarters of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), Texas, and was investigated on behalf of MUFON.

At 10 pm on that night Leslie (name in files) went out the door of her home with her boy-friend Dave, when he was leaving for his home. As they reached the center of the yard, they saw an object moving towards the next door neighbour's house where the object hovered for a few seconds, then moved south out over the street. The object made an

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abrupt turn to the west. Leslie yelled for her father and he came out of the house in time to see the UFO moving away. At that time the father could not see the outline of the object, but commented that it had to be large because the white lights were as far apart as wing lights of an aircraft. A red light underneath the object was still blinking but not as rapidly as an aircraft light. There was no sound.

Although neighbours had dogs there was no commotion among them. The family had been watching T.V. The father was still watching T.V. when called out. He said there was no malfunction of the set.

Leslie was frightened and next day she was still scared. Dave had an itching sensation. He rode his motor cycle home and felt uneasy all the way.

The object was reported to have hovered only about 100 feet from the ground, directly over the neighbour's house; it was described as diamond shaped. A talk with a regional researcher revealed that several reports of diamond shaped UFOs had been received and they were invariably huge and caused no EM effect or animal reaction.

....Just a little more contrasting evidence along the UFO Trail.

LIBRARY

by John Auchettl.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Well, I missed the last meeting at the Royal Society's Hall and must apologise for this, as our library has now increased its book intake by the very generous donation from our assistant secretary BILL CLYDE, so there is a lot of good reading material.

Now - a word to all those members who have books out and have not sent them back as yet. The Library is an aid to all members of the society and if any book is kept out longer than two general meetings then that book cannot be used by other members. . . . so please get them in as soon as you can.

STRANGER THINGS TO SEE

In 1885 at a place called SALZBURG a metal dice weighing 785 grams and made out of a hard alloy of coal and nickel steel was found in a block of coal that was from the Tertiary Period - 1 to 63 MILLION years ago. It was from a natural formation of coal due to its discovery position. It also had two parallel outer surfaces, rounded off, with a deep incision round its middle.

If all this was not beyond belief then came the remarkable discovery that the sulphur content was too low for it to have come from natural gravel; not only was it rust proof, but made! So where did it come from and incredibly WHO made the dice? It was held in the SALZBURG MUSEUM until 1910 when for some reason it mysteriously disappeared.

(From Page 169 "IN SEARCH OF ANCIENT GODS" by E. Von Daniken. 1973)

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BOOK REVIEW NO. 4

(Not yet in our Library)

"THE PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT PROJECT INVISIBILITY

BY CHARLES BERLITZ & WILLIAM MOORE.

1979. 181 pages 4 photographic pages 12 chapters.

It was 1943, war still gripped the world in a desperate struggle to free itself from death and carnage. In the halls of the best science institutes, men in all the facultys of science searched for new ideas to bring this long war to an end.

Atomic bombs, long range rockets and supersonic aircraft stand on the brink of reality. Then one day in October 1943 at the U.S. Navy's Philadelphia shipyards, the U.S.S. ELDRIDGE DE173 of the destroyer class, does the impossible and disappears altogether from its berth only to reappear minutes later in Norfolk, Virginia.

Men saw it happen, men experienced the effects and results of INVISIBILITY. Men also died and eventually and just as suddenly so did the project.

Time passed and so did the unbelievable stories of this fantastic event, which even now seems to be beyond the realms of our present day technology. Who would believe that such things did occur. No doubt all who heard this story must have regarded those that talked about the incident as being MAD.

But there it was - stories of men who after the experiment, would disappear out of control in front of others; there was the group of sailors who scared the life out of a club barmaid near the docks which led to a fight and was reported in the local paper. Men on this project had psychical problems and the death toll increased. The story of the men who were lost in time never to be seen again. There was no information about the new equipment put on the ships, or about the experiments being carried out by the Navy. All this ran through the minds of the men who had seen it happen and who knew that if they talked to the public they may be regarded as crack-pots or suffer the wrath of the then government. So better to forget.

Then one summer evening in 1970, around the Colorado Springs War Memorial Park, two U.S. Air Force men, James Davis and Allen Huse, are suddenly approached by a strange looking man. He acts as if he is a little crazy, as he talks to Davis and Huse of invisibility, experiments, navy cover up, and men dead or now unbalanced.

What a bizarre situation! Davis and Huse could not believe all they had heard and what had happened to them - and why come to them to tell this story?

Again, time passed and Davis and Huse, now out of the USAF, went their separate ways in life. In January 1978 Davis read a paperback copy of the author's book (Charles Berlitz)called "The Bermuda Triangle". While reading a chapter on the vanishing navy ship he suddenly realised what the old man they had met that summer evening was trying to say to them.

Davis, now intrigued by the coincidence and like data of the two stories, decided to write to Charles Berlitz and from that point on, the book we are now reviewing sparked into life.

Back to the story's very early start and research. We have really two men to thank for this.

MORRIS K. JESSUP, a creditable man in his own right, opened the main research in 1955 quite by accident with his book called "The Case for the UFO". Soon after this book, the second most important man in this event, a MR. CARL ALLEN, made contact with Jessup about the chapter in his book on the disappearing ship and presented some very strange letters.

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These letters drove Jessup to research the event deeper for more facts and information. By letters only, these two men made the story grow into the realization that what they had was a real live event related to ALBERT EINSTEIN and the then un-finished and little known UNIFIED FIELD THEORY. Experiments related to this theory seem to be the cause of the U.S.S. Eldridge's disappearance that ended so abruptly in death and it is felt that because of this event EINSTEIN decided not to finish the theory as the effects were too catastrophic and advanced to give to man at this time in history.

Jessup also tried to track down the elusive Carl Allen. His work in this area leads to a fantastic piece of deduction, and with this study and Berlitz research we find Carl Allen, who now lives in Mexico. The man they found does know a lot about the case and was an Able Seaman in the days of the experiment. Allen claims he saw and was in the experiment and after contact was made with him he led the researchers to new information.

The mysterious man who confronted Davis and Huse is now believed to have been Carl Allen yet this has not been confirmed.

Once again the case is struck by tragedy. Morris Jessup was found dead by so called suicide on the 20th April, 1959. But was it? Many think not!

Things do not ring true. Such things as ship log books with pages taken out and in some cases the log book was lost. People who cannot be located by researchers although their names are well known. When attempts were made to match the location of given ships and experiment times it was soon found that someone had tried to change the records so that ships and experiments did not match. Navy cover up and denials seemed to pop up all over the place, so what did they want to hide?

There was also the reported failure of another scientist - Thomas Townsend Brown - who endeavoured to raise funds for his own force field research. What stopped him? The statement of a former naval research scientist, whom William Moore (co-author of this book) tracked down to a remote hideout, was more than expected as it provided sufficient clues to make the Carl Allen story fit like a glove.

So what has this got to do with UFOs? Well, Jessup saw it as a possible way by which we can reach other places in our vast Universe. If this is possible for us, then it could be an explanation of how UFOs move in our atmosphere. It has been suggested that we may have the equipment off a UFO but with our limited knowledge could not operate it within the frame-work of human safety.

I have read many books in the past 12 months, but this one is undoubtedly the best of them all. From the start to finish, it reads like a fictitious mystery. But fiction it is not! RIDICULOUS, YOU SAY .. well, by the end of the book you will indeed think differently, if not believe it totally, then say to yourself - "WHY NOT"?

AN OVERSEAS SIGHTING.....

One U.F.O. in Tibet, 1981. (Translated from the Italian by our member Mr.M. Fernandez)

The News Agency "New China" PeKing revealed that an unidentified flying object was sighted in Tibet last July the 24th, on the north-eastern side of the s'y. The assistant manager of the regional bureau of meteorology, Mao Rubai revealed that the luminous object was encircled by a variable blue-white luminosity and was manoeuvring from east to west at a speed of 120 kilometres a minute. The phenomenon lasted seven minutes.

CHILD ENCOUNTERS

by Mark E. Sawyers.

One particularly interesting aspect of Ufology, is the number, and nature, of close encounters involving children.

Why the UFOs have shown so much curiosity towards our young over the past, is just as much a mystery as the UFC phenomenon itself.

One case which readily springs to mind, is that which occurred in Duncan, B.C., Canada, where hospital staff saw a UFO hovering outside the window of a children's ward. The staff members who witnessed the sighting, reported seeing the UFC's crew inside the object, seemingly busy with the control panels. As soon as the crew realised that they had been seen by the adults, the object vanished.

Another case, again in British Columbia, Canada, involved two small children walking through a field, who claimed that strange fuzzy lights were dancing around their bodies. Although there were no objects or UFOs in sight, apart from the fuzzy lights, this does suggest a UFO oriented experience, especially in view of the fact that the father of the children, who was also present at the time, did not notice anything at all unusual, while the children seemed to be undergoing a real experience.*

What these fuzzy lights may have been, is anybody's guess. However, if a UFO was involved in this case, one might logically pursue the thought that these fuzzy lights were perhaps probes of some description. If this were so, then it could be that children are more receptive to the UFC's probes, and do not yet have the sort of inhibitions that adults have, which may interfere with the tests and studies that the UFOs are conducting.

Another interesting side-track to this, is that in many close encounters involving both adults and children, the adults may suffer adverse physical and/or psychological effects, where the children, apart from a nasty fright, appear to emerge from the experience unscathed.

So, we are left with the questions of whether or not children have some definite affinity towards UFCs, and what the nature of that affinity may be.

These are, of course, 'cart before the horse' questions, which any attempt to answer, would seem to be out of context, until we are first able to deal successfully with the essential basic problem of what UFCs are and where they come from.

It is all speculative at the present time, but one can't help wondering at the possibilities.

* Refer to June 1981 issue of the 'Bulletin' - "Why do some People Experience UFO Phenomena and Others Don't" .. by Dr. Ian Gordon.

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SOCIETY MEETINGS. DISCUSSION NIGHT.

Thursday 1st October, about 8 p.m. in the Royal Society Supper Room, 9 Victoria Street, Melbourne. We make mention of the fact that CHOGM will be in progress at that time, so we suggest you make enquiries regarding parking facilities before attending. The Discussion Nights have been going very well, gaining a few new members on each occasion.

GENERAL MEETING - ELECTIONS.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the above address on Thursday, 26th November, at 8 p.m.; this will be the last meeting for the year, when you will be informed of our progress, and if desired, elect new committee members. Any nominations for the position President, Vice President, Secretary and committee, must be received not later than 14 days prior to the meeting, and signed by the nominee and proposer.

THIS SIGHTING REPORT WAS SENT TO THE SOCIETY .. (name and address
in our files)

TO : V.U.F.O.R.S.

On Tuesday, 23rd June at around 6.00 pm my wife and I were returning home from work when we saw three strange lights hovering above the rooftops.

I met my wife at the railway station at 5.30 pm and while on the way home we stopped to buy some take-away food. This made us a little later than usual and by the time we arrived at the top of our street it was quite dark. (Suburb concerned-Nth Croydon).

We had just turned the corner into our street when my wife first caught sight of the lights hovering above the houses. She was surprised by the lights and as I looked to see what all the excitement was about I too was quite surprised.

There were three large lights, (more like spot-lights) grouped closely together forming a triangle. They were so bright that we could not see anything above them and as the sky was so dark we couldn't see any silhouette, shape or outline of any craft.

At first I thought that they were attached to an aeroplane or helicopter but I ruled out an aeroplane as the lights continued to hover back and forth.

As we drove further down the road we both watched the lights move back and forward as if searching for something. I couldn't keep my eyes on them all the time as I was driving but my wife watched continuously until suddenly they dipped behind some trees and we lost sight of them for about 30 seconds.

As we turned into our driveway we caught sight of them again but this time they were heading directly away from us and rising upward very rapidly toward the west.

We both leapt from the car and I watched the lights as my wife raced inside to fetch the binoculars. She was only a fraction of a minute but by the time she returned the lights were so high and distant that they appeared as just a bright star.

We both took turns peering through the binoculars at the fading lights for about 15 minutes until they were out of sight.

I knew that the lights were not part of an aeroplane because of the way they hovered. I also knew that they weren't part of a helicopter because of the speed and height attained when they flew off.

Another strange fact about the lights was that we could hear no noise coming from them. No engine noises, nor sound of propeller or blade; the lights or object carrying them hadn't made a sound, or a sound that we could detect.

I am a member of the U.F.O. Society and a firm believer in UFOs and therefore have been praying for the day that I should first see a UFO. Could the will to see a UFO be so strong that my imagination caught the better of me? If I had been alone I would have thought so but my wife was also convinced that she had not just seen a plane or helicopter with lights attached.

I am therefore convinced that the facts contained here serve to confirm a UFO sighting. If you can prove otherwise, please do so.

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FROM NEW ZEALAND :

(Story compiled from data supplied
by XENOLOG, FRED & PHYLL DICKESON,
33 Dee Street, Timaru, N.Z.)

(Credit: "The Timaru Herald", F/day,
31st July, 1981).

UFO PACED US, TEMUKA FAMILY SAYS:

An hour-long late night encounter on a South Canterbury back road has convinced the Thew family of Temuka that unidentified flying objects do exist.

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Thew yesterday described how a multi-coloured flying object paced them along the Waitohi Road in the early hours of the morning on July 12th, approaching to within 120 yards of their car and changing colours as it went. Mr. Thew, a motor mechanic, said they had always had an open mind on UFOs before their encounter, but were now convinced such phenomena existed.

Mrs. Thew said they knew by the hour of the night, the manoeuvres and closeness of the object, that it was not an aeroplane. While Mrs. Thew was frightened by the encounter and wanted to drive faster, her husband wanted her to pull over to the roadside to get a better view of the object. They were returning to Temuka from Pleasant Point with their three daughters.

Mrs. Thew, who was driving, said she thought the lights were a reflection on the wet windows. But after winding down the window, the couple could still clearly see the object. They said it seemed to be approaching the car, then abruptly stopped about 200 to 300 metres away, then changed direction and began to pace the car.

"The sight itself didn't frighten me, but the car's speedo told the story of how my wife felt", Mr. Thew said. "When we opened the car window and the object came closer to the car, it was something we had never seen before. There was no noise and it was quite apparent this was a controllable flying object".

Both Mrs. Thew and her eldest daughter were intrigued by what seemed like the shape of a "...a figure eight" which seemed to be outside the object. In movement, a fan-like tail of golden-red colour appeared to follow it, but the "tail" was not visible when it was stationary.

The object finally "shot away" towards the east. It did not seem to move between two points, according to Mr. & Mrs. Thew - "suddenly it was just somewhere else".

Mr. Thew said that as soon as he got home he wrote down all he could recall while the incident was still fresh in his memory. The Thews said that after reaching Temuka they followed the UFO, which was still changing colours to the east of the town, towards the sea. Giving up the chase, they returned home, and the couple said when they looked up, the object was hovering above them at an altitude of about 1000 ft.

Mr. Thew said yesterday that although their sighting had been a fortnight ago, his wife had seen another strange light in the sky only three nights ago.

The Thews were unaware until yesterday that the shape and colours of the object they claimed to have seen were almost identical with a detailed UFO sighting in Illinois, America, in 1952. In that sighting a nurse, Mrs. Ann Sohn, described a similar shaped craft, complete with windows along the side and the same reddish colour to the object.
